



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public online meeting.

SUMMARY: The Groundfish Subcommittee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council's) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a meeting to review proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Process for 2023 and 2024. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee's online meeting will be held Friday, April 22, 2022, beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until 5 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The SSC's Groundfish Subcommittee's meeting will be an online meeting. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements, will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the SSC Groundfish

Subcommittee's meeting is to review proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Groundfish Stock Assessment Reviews that will inform the process for conducting and reviewing groundfish assessments in 2023 and 2024. Members of the Pacific Council's groundfish advisory bodies are encouraged to attend. Proposed changes to the Terms of Reference (<https://www.pcouncil.org/documents/2022/02/e-8-attachment-4-draft-terms-of-reference-for-the-groundfish-and-coastal-pelagic-species-stock-assessment-process-for-2023-2024.pdf/>) were provided to the Pacific Council at their March 2022 virtual meeting, which were adopted by the Pacific Council for public review. The Pacific Council is scheduled to adopt a final Terms of Reference at their June meeting in Vancouver, WA.

No management actions will be decided by the SSC's Groundfish Subcommittee. The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee members' role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the SSC and Pacific Council at the June meeting in Vancouver, WA.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent of the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (*kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov*; (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

Dated: April 1, 2022.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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